

Amendments to the claims

1-36. (Cancelled)

37. (Currently amended) A medium containing a spelling for an ideographic symbol having a shape, said spelling comprising each of a first component, a second component, and a third component, a the first component comprising alphanumerals providing a spelling of the phonetics of the ideographic symbol, a the second component comprising alphanumerals providing an indication of the shape of the ideographic symbol, and a the third component comprising a differentiator providing a unique identification of the ideographic symbol.

38. (Currently amended) The medium spelling of claim 37, wherein the ideographic symbol is a Chinese-language symbol.

39. (Currently amended) The medium spelling of claim 37, wherein the first component provides a sound portion and a tone portion of the ideographic symbol.

40. (Currently amended) The medium spelling of claim 37, wherein the sound portion and the tone portion are Pinyin spellings.

41. (Currently amended) The medium spelling of claim 37, wherein the shape of the ideographic symbol is indicated by a four-corner numerical index.

42. (Currently amended) The medium spelling of claim 37, wherein the third component is a differentiator whose value is either null or at least one alphanumeric.

43. (Currently amended) The medium spelling of claim 37, wherein the alphanumerals are English-language letters and Arabic numerals.

44. (Currently amended) A table on a medium, which table comprises comprising a first column and a second column wherein the first column provides a plurality of spellings ~~according to claim 37 for ideographic symbols having shapes, each spelling comprising each of a first component, a second component, and a third component, the first component comprising alphanumerals providing a spelling of the phonetics of the ideographic symbol, the second component comprising alphanumerals providing an indication of the shape of the ideographic symbol, and the third component comprising a differentiator providing a unique identification of the ideographic symbol~~ and wherein the second column provides a plurality of the corresponding ideographic symbols.